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ATTENTION: 5HSM-5J

Dear Ms. Adams:

This letter acknowledges receipt on behalf of Illinois Tool Works, Inc. ("ITW") of the August 20, 1993 Information Request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA"), regarding the Stickney Avenue Landfill and the Tyler Street Dump Sites, in Toledo, Ohio for the period 1951 to 1981.

ITW possesses no information which would enable it to reply in detail to the specific requests of USEPA. Nevertheless, in order to respond to USEPA's Information Request to the extent possible, ITW provides the following statement:

In the late 1880's, the DeVilbiss Company was started by the DeVilbiss family of Toledo, Ohio. Sometime in the 1920's the company established an administrative and operations site on Phillips Avenue in Toledo, Ohio. In the late 1950's the company incorporated and became a publicly traded corporation. The Champion Spark Plug Company acquired a majority interest in the DeVilbiss Company in 1965. In 1970, DeVilbiss was merged into Champion. From 1970 until 1988, Champion Spark Plug Company operated DeVilbiss as an unincorporated division of Champion Spark Plug. On or about March 8, 1988, the Champion Spark Plug Company sold the assets of DeVilbiss to Eagle Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

On or about April 27, 1990, Illinois Tool Works, Inc. ("ITW") purchased the assets of DeVilbiss' Industrial/Commercial Business which involved the manufacturing and selling of industrial and automotive refinishing equipment and related products. The assets purchased by ITW included the Technical Services building located at the Phillips Avenue site, but did not include the main DeVilbiss building located at the Phillips Avenue site in Toledo, Ohio. Eagle Industries, Inc., also retained DeVilbiss' health care division in Somerset, Pennsylvania and DeVilbiss' consumer air compressor division. Eagle moved the consumer division from Toledo to Jackson, Tennessee in 1989. Two other former DeVilbiss buildings near the Phillips Avenue site known as the sheet metal building and the rubber plant were sold to other parties by Champion in the early to mid-1980's.

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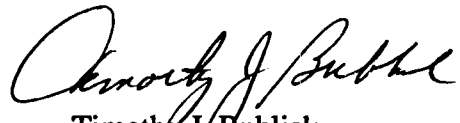
Upon receiving the August 20, 1993 Information Request of USEPA, ITW conducted an investigation of its in-house records and personnel. The investigation did not result in the discovery of any matter which would provide information in response to the Information Request of USEPA.

ITW acquired part of the DeVilbiss assets some ten years subsequent to the end of the time period covered by the Information Request of USEPA. ITW has no records of the former unincorporated DeVilbiss Company, the former incorporated DeVilbiss Company, or the former DeVilbiss divisions of the Champion Spark Plug Company, all of which were in operation during the 1951 to 1981 time period. To ITW's knowledge, any existing records for the 1951 to 1981 time period would be in the possession of either Eagle Industries, Inc., Champion Spark Plug Company or Cooper Industries, Inc., which subsequently acquired the Champion Spark Plug Company. Eagle Industries, Inc., is located at Two North Riverside Plaza, Suite 1100, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Champion Spark Plug Company is located at 900 Upton Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607. Cooper Industries, Inc., is located at 1001 Fannin, Suite 4000, Houston, Texas 77002-1001.

ITW has not located records or talked to anyone having any knowledge of any hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants being disposed of at the Stickney Avenue Landfill and the Tyler Street Dump Sites during the 1951 to 1981 time period. ITW is cognizant of its obligation to supplement its response. ITW will continue its investigation into the matter and will furnish any information discovered which would be responsive to the Information Request of USEPA.

Please advise me if either USEPA or you should require any further information from ITW in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Timothy J. Bublick
Vice President/General Manager
Industrial Operations, North America

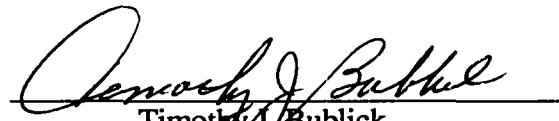
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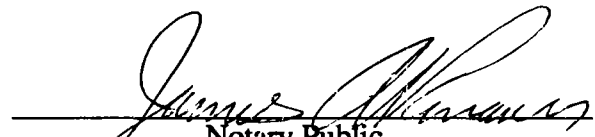
Timothy J. Bublick, having been duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the Vice President/General Manager of Industrial Operations, North America of ITW Finishing Systems and Products Group, An Illinois Tool Works Company.
2. The statements contained in the accompanying response letter are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


Timothy J. Bublick

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 16 day of
September, 1993.


Notary Public
JAMES A. RENAUER,
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Mar. 1, 1995